



**REVISED**

**OREGON WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING**

**October 13 – 14, 2016**

**Inn at the Commons, Crater Lake Room  
200 N. Riverside Avenue  
Medford, Oregon 97501**

*If a specific time is indicated for an agenda item, an effort will be made to consider that item as close to that time as possible. However, because of the uncertain length of time needed for each agenda item, scheduled times may be modified. Those wishing to hear discussion of an item should arrive at the beginning of the meeting to avoid missing the item.*

*A public comment period will be provided at approximately 10:00 am on Friday for issues not included on the agenda. Public comment on agenda items will be taken as each item is considered by the Commission. Asterisks denote items on which public comment may be limited (please see page 3).*

*Staff reports for individual agenda items, when available, will be on the Commission's website at [http://www.wrd.state.or.us/files/Publications/staff\\_reports/](http://www.wrd.state.or.us/files/Publications/staff_reports/).*

**TOUR: Thursday, October 13**

The Water Resources Commission will meet at 7:30 am in the Crater Lake Room at the Inn at the Commons. The Commission will depart at 8:00 am to tour the WISE Project and an OLCC licensed recreational marijuana producer facility. The group will return to the hotel at 12:00 pm. **A photo ID will be required to enter the marijuana producer's property.**

If you wish to join the tour, you must contact Cindy Smith at (503) 986-0876 by close of business, Friday, October 7. While the public is invited to attend the tour, transportation will only be provided for Commissioners and Department staff. Members of the public are responsible for making their own transportation arrangements. Space is limited for the marijuana producer portion of the tour.

It is recommended that participants wear comfortable walking shoes, bring a hat, lightweight jacket, sunglasses, sunscreen, and an umbrella (in case of rain or as a sunshade).

**COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday, October 13 (1:00 pm)**

**A. Presentation by the Rogue Basin Partnership (1:00 pm – 1:30 pm)**

Sam Whitridge, Director, Rogue Basin Partnership, will give an overview of how the Rogue Basin Partnership members and partners work together to manage their water resources wisely.

**B. Oregon Groundwater Discussion (1:30 pm – 2:30 pm)**

Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Division Administrator, and Justin Iverson, Groundwater Manager, will provide an overview of groundwater data and management in Oregon. *This is an informational report.*

**C. Deschutes Basin Ground Water Mitigation Program - 2015 Annual Review  
(2:30 pm – 3:00 pm)**

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, will provide an overview of the 2015 annual report and evaluation of the Deschutes Ground Water Mitigation Rules and the Deschutes Basin Mitigation Bank and Mitigation Credit Rules. *This is an informational report.*

**BREAK (3:00 pm – 3:15 pm)**

**D. Mosier Wells Repair, Replacement and Abandonment Program Update  
(3:15 pm – 4:00 pm)**

Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Division Administrator, and Ken Lite, Hydrogeologist, will update the Commission on a cost-share program that is designed to distribute funds authorized by the 2015 Legislature for wells in the Mosier area. *This is an informational report.*

**E. Status of Basalt Aquifers in the Walla Walla Subbasin (4:00 pm – 4:45 pm)**

Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Division Administrator, Justin Iverson, Groundwater Manager, and Jen Woody, Senior Hydrogeologist, will discuss the declining groundwater levels in the basalt aquifer systems of the Walla Walla Subbasin and efforts underway to engage with the community on groundwater management. *This is an informational report.*

**F. Appointments to the Ground Water Advisory Committee (4:45 pm – 5:00 pm)**

Justin Iverson, Groundwater Manager, will present recommendations to fill three positions on the Groundwater Advisory Committee. *The Commission will be asked to approve the proposed appointments.*

*Reception: hosted by the Rogue Basin Partnership immediately following the conclusion of Agenda Item F. (5:00 pm – 6:00 pm)*

**COMMISSION MEETING: Friday, October 14 (8:00 am)**

**G. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the August 18 and 19, 2016 meeting will be presented for Commission approval. *The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes.*

**H. Approval of 2017 Meeting Schedule**

A tentative schedule of meetings for 2017 will be presented. *The Commission will be asked to approve the meeting schedule.*

**I. Commission Comments**

Commissioners will report on their recent activities, share information, and comment on a variety of water resource topics.

**J. Director's Report**

Director Tom Byler will update the Commission on Department business and late-breaking issues. *This is an informational report.*

**K. Willamette Basin Review Feasibility Study Update (8:45 am – 9:30 am)**

Alyssa Mucken, IWRS Coordinator, will update the Commission on recent activities related to the Willamette Basin Review Feasibility Study, which is evaluating the potential to reallocate stored water from the Willamette Valley Project reservoirs. *This is an informational report.*

**\* L. Request for Adoption of Rules to Extend Reservations and Make Other Modifications to the Grande Ronde Basin, Malheur Basin, and Owyhee Basin Programs - OAR Chapter 690, Division 508, 510 and 511 (9:30 am – 10:00 am)**

Brenda Bateman, Technical Services Division Administrator, will present a request to modify the Grande Ronde, Malheur and Owyhee Basin Program Rules, which include reclassifying the uses of the waters and extending the reservations of water for economic development. *The Commission will be asked to consider adoption of the proposed rules.*

**M. Public Comment (approximately 10:00 am)**

**N. Other Issues**

**Meeting Procedures:** Generally, agenda items will be taken in the order above. However, in certain circumstances, the Commission may elect to take an item out of order. Please be aware that topics not listed on the agenda may be introduced during the Commission Comment period, the Director's Report, the Public Comment period, Other Issues or at other times during the meeting.

Oregon's Public Meetings Law requires disclosure that Commission members may meet for meals on Thursday and Friday.

**Executive Session:** The Commission may also convene in a confidential executive session where, by law, only members of the press and Department staff may attend. Others will be asked to leave the room during these discussions, which usually deal with current or potential litigation. Before convening such a session, the presiding Commission member will make a public announcement and explain necessary procedures.

**\*Public Testimony:** The Commission encourages public comment on any agenda item. However, public testimony may be limited on items marked with an asterisk (\*). The asterisk means that the item has already been the subject of a formal public hearing or contested case hearing. On certain items marked with an asterisk, the Commission may be authorized to allow public comments. People wishing to speak to the Commission are asked to fill out a comment request sheet (available at the information table). Comments relating to a specific agenda item will be heard by the Commission as each agenda item is considered. Comments on other topics may be made during the public comment period on Friday at approximately 10:00 am.

Every attempt will be made to share with the Commission written comments that are delivered to the Director's Office in advance of the meeting date. Early delivery of written comments is strongly encouraged so that Commissioners have sufficient opportunity to review materials prior to the meeting. To submit written comments directly to the Commission, please bring at least ten copies to the meeting.

Questions? If you have any questions about this agenda or the Commission's procedures, please call Cindy Smith, Commission Assistant, at 503-986-0876.

If special physical, language or other accommodations are needed for this meeting, please advise Cindy Smith at the phone number above as soon as possible but at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

### **Water Resources Commission**

(with city of residence, region represented, and year of term expiration)

*The Commission is a seven-member citizen body that sets state water policy and oversees activities of the Water Resources Department.*

John Roberts, Chair	Jacksonville	Southwest Region	2016
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Eric Quaempts	Adams	North Central Region	2017
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Bruce Corn	Ontario	Eastern Region	2017
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Carol Whipple	Elkton	West Central Region	2017

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### **DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING**

#### **Heading South on I-5:**

Take Exit 30 toward Medford/Klamath Falls; Merge onto OR-62 toward Medford/City Center/Jacksonville; turn left onto N Pacific Hwy/OR-99; turn left onto E 5<sup>th</sup> Street; turn left onto Riverside Avenue/OR-99; 200 N. Riverside Avenue will be on the right.

#### **Heading North on I-5:**

Take Exit 27 toward OR-99/South Medford; take ramp toward Barnett Road; turn right onto Highland Drive; take 1<sup>st</sup> left onto E. Barnett Road; take 2<sup>nd</sup> right onto OR-99/ Riverside Avenue; 200 N. Riverside Avenue will be on the right.

#### **PARKING:**

Parking is available on site.